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CLAIMS

1. A device for draining a can of food, comprising:

(a) means adapted for retaining said can of food;

(b) means for retaining a foodstuff in said can of food; and

(c) means for draining a fluid from said can of food.

2. A device for draining a can of food, comprising:

(a) a longitudinal first member having a proximate end and a distal end;

(b) means adapted for retaining said can of food attached to said longitudinal first member at said proximate end;

(c) a longitudinal second member having a proximate end and a distal end, said longitudinal second member being adapted to pivot about a pivot axis with respect to

said longitudinal first member at said proximate end thereof;

(d) grate means for retaining a foodstuff in said can of food; and

(c) means for draining a fluid from said foodstuff in said can of food.

3. The device of claim 2 wherein said means adapted for retaining includes a cylinder, said cylinder having an open top and a closed bottom and being adapted to receive said can of food therein.

4. The device of claim 3 wherein said closed bottom of said cylinder is magnetized.

5. The device of claim 3 wherein said closed bottom of said cylinder includes a magnet.

6. The device of claim 2 wherein said grate means is attached to a distal end of a third member and is disposed intermediate said longitudinal second member and said longitudinal first member and wherein said third member is pivotally attached to said longitudinal second member at a proximate end and wherein said grate means is adapted to bear upon a foodstuff in said can of food when said longitudinal second member is urged about said pivot axis toward said longitudinal first member.

7. The device of claim 6 wherein said grate means includes a circular grate.

8. The device of claim 7 wherein said circular grate includes a plurality of ridges that are in parallel spaced apart relationship with respect to each other and wherein each of said ridges includes a raised portion and a depressed portion each of which extend along the longitudinal length thereof.

9. The device of claim 7 wherein said circular grate includes a plurality of holes therein.

10. The device of claim 3 wherein said longitudinal first member includes a first handle disposed at said distal end and wherein said longitudinal second member includes a second handle disposed at said distal end.

11. The device of claim 10 wherein said longitudinal second member includes an arcuate portion that is disposed over said cylinder.

12. The device of claim 11 wherein said grate means is attached to a distal end of a third member and wherein said third member is pivotally attached to said longitudinal second member proximate the center of said arcuate portion at a second pivot axis, wherein said second pivot axis is parallel with respect to said pivot axis and wherein said grate means is adapted to bear upon a foodstuff in said can of food when said longitudinal second member is urged about said pivot axis toward said longitudinal first member.

13. The device of claim 12 wherein the distance from said distal end of said longitudinal second member to said second pivot axis exceeds the distance from said second pivot axis to said pivot axis.

14. A method for draining a fluid from a can of food, comprising the steps of:

(a) removing a lid from the can of food;

(b) placing the can of food on a device that is adapted for retaining the can of food; and

(c) urging a first member of the device to pivot about a pivot axis toward a second member sufficient so that a grate that is attached to the second member bears upon food that is disposed in the can of food sufficient to cause at least a portion of the fluid therein to be displaced from the food.